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Protect Public Health

The creation of a sanitary district in Tonopah by the board of county commissioners, thereby compelling property owners to connect their houses with the sewer and in the increase in customers for the sewer company secure a reduction in rates, is the solution offered by the public service commission in their determination of the case wherein it was charged that the sewer rates were excessive. The opinion of the commission is clear and concise. It was published in its entirety in the Wednesday issue of the Bonanza and has since afforded meat for discussions.

The situation is perfectly well understood by the people of Tonopah and while it will mean the outlay of a small amount of money individually, if the suggestion is carried out, it will mean better health and the averting of a plague or epidemic that is bound to ensue unless the sanitary conditions are remedied. The sewer company previously made a rate reduction with the understanding that an increase in business would ensue, but the increase failed to materialize and consequently the old rate was placed in effect.

The public utility commission made a thorough investigation of the affairs of the sewer company; investigated the net earnings and net profits and discovered that the yearly profit was less than 2 per cent of the total investment. It was also shown that with an increased number of sewer connections the rate would be materially reduced and the net profits increased. In reporting the findings the valuable suggestion for a sanitary zone was made and then the matter was left up to the board of county commissioners and the citizens of Tonopah to apply the remedy suggested.

The board of county commissioners, it is understood, is willing to create the sanitary zone, providing the people of Tonopah wish such action. The matter now rests entirely with the property owners of this city and to secure a result concentrated action is necessary.

It has been suggested that the property owners meet in mass meeting to thoroughly thresh the matter out and arrive at a conclusion. However, should a meeting of that kind be called it is safe to predict that less than 25 per cent of the taxpayers of Tonopah will be present, and it would be an easy matter to down the scheme entirely. It would be best that the commissioners proceed with the subject, create the sanitary zone and then demand a strict enforcement and lawfully compel the property owners to connect their houses to the sewers, and in this wise rate reduction can be obtained and at the same time the health of the community will be protected from the unsanitary outhouses and vaults that are now to be found scattered throughout the business and residence districts.

War Is Hell

Plainly speaking the Balkan war played hell with Tonopah stocks last week. The prices of practically every security were battered down and a number of local people lost heavily on the depression. However, it was observed that the number of stock sales increased with each day's trading, showing that the Tonopah securities were not going begging.

The greatest loss during the past week has been suffered by marginal buyers. It appears that the lesson taught people during the 1907 panic has been overlooked and the sudden depression of late has forcibly brought the older occurrence again to mind.

Several republican papers throughout the state are ridiculing the ideas advanced by Senator Newlands toward securing retrenchment in the state government and the increasing of the state revenues. This paper does not sanction all of the ideas as presented by Senator Newlands, but we will give him credit for the good work he is doing now. The less politics played in securing the enactment of the ideas into laws, the better this state will fare.

The Reno merchants insist that the divorce seeking element brings money to that city. A striking example of this sort is published in the papers of the riverside city in giving the account of the funeral of young Weems, who shot and fatally wounded the woman with whom he was in love and then turned the revolver upon himself. He was buried by the county in a pauper's grave. Yet the Reno people continue to cater for the divorce trade.

Reports have been placed in circulation that the divorcees—that is the female of the species—of Reno have embroidered "Welcome to Our City" on their nighties. The report might be true, but we would prefer to see the nighties first. (Reno papers please copy).

The editor of a certain publication who states that his paper should be had each morning with the reader's coffee, must be passionately fond of cold coffee.

It appears somewhat strange that every paper in the state is in favor of amending the divorce laws with the exception of the Reno dailies. Why the silence?

Interesting Sidelights

"Fuel scarce in Seattle." Boston can sympathize.—Boston Transcript.

William H. Taft, attorney at law, That's democracy!—Richmond Times Dispatch.

The colonel can at least satisfy his long-cherished desire to look into the tariff.—Boston Herald.

The decision in the bathtub trust case is something on the order of a clean washout.—Baltimore American.

Turks have about decided to substitute a period of penitence for the holy war previously announced.—Washington Star.

We also anticipate a great improvement in the subject matter of the Congressional Record.—Atlanta Constitution.

One sure way to gain notoriety is to go hunting and pull a rifle over a fence rail muzzle first.—Cleveland Leader.

Grafting for baldness, indeed! Why some of the worst grafters in the world are as bald as a billiard ball. Newark News.

Canal tolls were not fixed with reference to the competition of Suez, but to meet that of the straits of Macellan.—Philadelphia Record.

Bid a fond farewell to the conductor who shouts "Step up in front." Hiram Maxim Jr. is working on a silencer for street cars.—Rochester Democrat.

A blind promoter of Paris has confessed to swindling his dupes out of \$2,000,000. His malady was evidently contagious.—Nashville Tennessean.

It is reported that American millionaires are being skinned by London art dealers. But anybody that can skin an American millionaire is entitled to the pelt.—Cleveland Leader.

This year's supply of democrats is referred to as a "bumper crop." It is not as big as four years ago, but there is no room for doubt that it was a "bumper."—Kansas City Journal.

Dr. Peter Roberts is said to be able to teach foreigners to speak English correctly in half an hour. Why, oh why, does he confine his attention to foreigners?—Chicago Record-Herald.

The university young men who painted the sidewalks a vivid hue to advertise their football game are entitled to the thanks of the populace; they didn't kill anybody or burn a single church.—Salt Lake Herald.

Virginia may not be ready for woman suffrage, but Governor Mann turned over the task of composing the Thanksgiving proclamation to his wife, and the result seems to be perfectly satisfactory.—Springfield Republican.

AMUSEMENTS

Butler Theater

A program of feature pictures will be shown at the Butler this evening. Five pictures in all will be shown, as follows: "Fat Bill's Wooing," a comedy; "A Girl's Bravery," a comedy; "The Weekly of Current Events No. 41," showing interesting events from all over the world, and "Mary in Stage Land," being the third story of "What Happened to Mary," produced in collaboration with the Ladies' World in the October number. It is a brilliant production of stage life.

Tomorrow "An Indian Sunbeam," "The Poacher's Pardon," "Like Knights of Old," "Raising Sunken Vessels," and "Charles Dickens' famous story, "Mrs. Snipper's Lodgers."

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